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ARMY WILL STRIKECol. Repington Advises Post-
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the Crisis.

ADMITS BLOW IS HARD

Allied Strategy for General
Spring Offensive Upset by
the Revolution.Special Cable Despatch to The Sun from the
London Times.LONDON, June 4.—Col. Repington,
the military expert of the Times, writes as
follows upon Russia's military future:

"The situation of the Russian armies in the early days of March, before the outbreak of the revolution, was on the whole extremely favorable. The winter had been turned to good account and not only had the losses been made good and the depots filled, but a great number of new divisions had been created. The supply of guns and munitions from the Russian factories was steadily increasing, while all Russia's allies had done their best to increase her supply of material."

"Despite their own needs, which still remained incompletely satisfied, the Allies did not hesitate to send to Russia hundreds of guns and millions of rounds of ammunition. In the firm belief that the Russians would be prepared to make good use of them against the common enemy, Russia at last was passably equipped. The material difficulties of lack of transport and supply were far from overcome, the Russian military chiefs assured us that we could count this year on energetic support from the Russian armies in both Europe and Asia Minor."

Lightening Russia's Task.

"On the faith of these assurances the campaign of 1917 was planned. The Franco-British offensive was designed to be opened at an early date in the year so as to forestall a German attack, whether in the east or in the west, and to help our allies by calling down upon ourselves all the available reserves of the enemy. In the same spirit of good comradeship Sir Archibald Murray on the borders of Palestine and Sir Stanley Maude in Mesopotamia proceeded to attack to themselves as many Turkish divisions as possible, thus lightening the task of the Russian army in the Caucasus and Armenia."

"Our operations proceeded as was planned. We attacked in the west the best of the German divisions, of which we have now 116 on our hands, while in Palestine we occupied a large force of Turks, and in Mesopotamia we are likely to be opposed by autumn with considerable forces. Italy was finally armed and stepped gallantly into the arena as soon as the season permitted, while Belgium and Portugal took the field. Thus all the western European armies were gathered and engaged in hard fighting to facilitate Russia's task."

"We have decidedly done so, though seventy-six German divisions and some thirty-six Austro-Hungarian divisions still face Russia. The German units are largely Landwehr and Landsturm, while the constant stream of German heavy guns that has recently flowed to France from the Russian front has resulted in that stiffening of the German defense against us of which the reports of the recent fighting give proof and in a marked weakening of the forces facing Russia."

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"The intervention of the Russian armies was timed for a certain date, but when the date came around no Russian intervention took place. The winter had been exceptionally severe, but the great German offensive against Russia in 1915 began in the first week of May. The reason alone could not account for the failure of the cooperation which had been so valuable and so effective in previous years, notably in 1916."

"It was perhaps most important that any Russian offensive should begin at the earliest possible moment this spring, for although the past winters have been terrible fighting on the eastern front, such fighting usually had shown more loss than profit for both sides alike. The period between May and October is practically the only time of the year when great modern armies can effect anything serious on the present lines. Not more than four months of the campaigning season of 1917 remain open to our ally."

Praise for Russian Aid.

"The western Allies have every reason to be grateful to the Russian army for their Russian friends, whose loyalty in the common cause has been superb as their sacrifices have been immense. Never can we forget or repay the untimely death of the great Russian hero, General Brusilov, who fell in 1914, their terrible sufferings in 1915, their glorious campaigns last year."

"We know that Russia is passing through the most severe trials that ever have fallen to her lot, but we should be both culpable and blind did we not recognize that it is next to impracticable for any great country, most of all for Russia, to transform its political situation at the supreme crisis of a great war and not be incapacitated for action in a military sense."

"Not the fact, but the military consequences of the revolution have been Russia's western allies with profound regret. What those consequences have been we know full well, and Russia's allies have been most anxious to help her. Major Morait in the Times writes: 'Russia threatens the Central Powers from the east. We shall be able to take military and political advantage of the fact.' We have a great fighting chance to bring Germany to her knees in this year's campaign, strong though she remained, well though her men fought."

Will Prolong War a Year.

"If the Russian revolution brought freedom to Russia it also risked bringing misery to Europe. At the best it will prolong the campaign a year, contrary to all reasonable anticipation. The Russian armies are able to renew themselves the mighty deeds of their past, which has brought them to the front, but we are all convinced, have brought anguish to many Russian hearts for Russia a defaulter on the field of honor would be a total contradiction to the whole of her warlike history. The time is short in which Russia can act effectively this year."

"Her best leaders speak with no uncertain voice. While fiercely denouncing a separate peace, they urge their fellow countrymen to action, but the action of modern armies cannot usefully take place by improvisation or generous impulse."

The preparation of a modern offensive

NEW PEACE APPEAL
BY RUSSIAN COUNCILSoldiers' and Workmen's Delegates
Urge Action by World
Proletariats.

STOCKHOLM PARLEY O. K.

Speedy Ending of War. They
Say, Is Required by Interests of Labor.Petrograd, June 5.—The Council of
Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates today
sent a long statement to the Social-
ist parties and central federations
of trades unions of the world repeating
its appeal of March 28 to the peoples of
the world to unite in resolute actions in
favor of peace and in which it in-
scribed on its banner, "Peace Without
Annexations or Indemnities on the Basis
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Own Destiny."

"The statement says the Russian democracy forced the first provisional Government to accept this programme, and 'as the events of May 3-4 clearly showed, it did not tolerate any departure on the part of the first provisional Government from the programme. The Second Provisional Government under pressure of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates put forward the same programme as the foremost article of its declaration.'

Peace Is Need of Labor.

"The statement then refers to the declaration of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates to take the initiative in summoning an international conference, and continues: 'The Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates is of the opinion that the speedy termination of the war and the restoration of international peace on the basis of the rights of nations to decide their own destiny is a task which can only be achieved if the Socialist labor parties and trades unions in all countries, be they in power or not, unite their efforts in a stubborn and energetic fight against the universal slaughter.'

Nations Kept Apart.

"The English and the Russians do not know each other. Distance, stupid German inspired diplomacy have kept us apart. Let us not despair of this people whom we do not know intimately, nor even attribute to them the characteristics exposed by the great Russian literature of sixty years ago, but no longer true to life. Of even this great unknown we have had but a passing glimpse of the truth, namely during the brief interregnum between the old and the new regimes. After it the curtain was drawn down and the truth was hidden from us."

"The British and the Russian censorships treat us like babes. It is only in the back files of the German and American papers that we can see dimly and momentarily, as through a blurred glass, the things that are happening. Let us give Russia the benefit of the doubt, recall her past fidelity and heroism, and not judge her too hastily from our orderly British point of view. If in most of the affairs of war it is the head that must rule and not the heart, in this affair let us hope there is an exception that will prove the rule."

SUFFS TO GO TO RUSSIA.

British Government to Safeguard
Mrs. Pankhurst's Party.

LONDON, June 5.—The Government has promised facilities to a deputation from the Women's Social and Political Union, headed by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette, to proceed to Russia to explain their views on the war. Mrs. Pankhurst last week requested passports from Premier Lloyd George for her party. In her letter she said that if the Government permitted James Ramsay MacDonald, the labor leader, and his party to go to Russia to preach their 'unpatriotic doctrine' there could be no excuse for 'hindering patriotic women from going.'

GERMAN DESTROYER
IS SUNK BY BRITISHAnother Damaged in Running
Fight With Squadron.LONDON, June 5.—A German destroyer
has been sunk and another damaged in
a running fight between six German
destroyers and Commodore Tyrwhitt's
squadron. The Admiralty announcement
says:

"Commodore Tyrwhitt reports that early today a force of light cruisers and destroyers under his command sighted six German destroyers and engaged them at long range in a running fight. One of the enemy destroyers, the S-20, was sunk by our gun fire and another severely damaged. Seven survivors from the S-20 have been picked up and made prisoners. There were no casualties on our side."

According to the Evening News correspondent, the German destroyer squadron first sighted the Germans they were five miles distant. They had apparently put to sea in fear of bombardment from the air and fleet of British ships. They tried to regain port but the British squadron divided into two lines. A British destroyer opened the engagement and her fire damaged the S-20 almost immediately.

Then a British cruiser joined in the engagement. The S-20 soon began to sink. A destroyer rescued seven survivors from the S-20 and the remaining five German destroyers. The pursuit continued until the Germans reached the mined waters off the Belgian coast.

Commander Tyrwhitt took a prominent
part in the naval battles off Helgoland
and Jutland, in each action being
in command of light cruiser divisions
were mentioned for dash and bravery.

AUSTRIAN WARSHIP SUNK

Torpedo Boat Is Victim of Enemy
Submarine.VIENNA, June 5.—An Austrian torpedo
boat was torpedoed and sunk by a hostile
submarine on Sunday night in the
Adriatic.

The official announcement reads: "On Sunday night in the northern Adriatic an Austrian torpedo boat was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine. The majority of the crew was rescued."

Donates Two Motor Ambulances.

Emil Tausig, chairman of the finance committee of the Patriotic League of the Nineteenth Congress district, announced yesterday that Samuel L. Feiler, living at the Hotel Ansonia, had presented two fully equipped field motor ambulances. The donation was made with the proviso that Mr. Feiler be permitted to pay for their maintenance for the period of the war.

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WE MAKE OVER 100 STYLES
SARGENT CO. 333 Fourth Ave.
New York.FRENCH RECAPTURE
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